

REMARKS

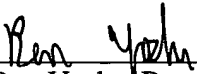
The Examiner rejected claims 1-17 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Szeremeta in view of Oliver. The Examiner rejected claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Oliver. The Examiner states that Oliver discloses writing servo information that is read from a reference disk. The Applicant respectfully traverses this contention.

Oliver discloses a process wherein a reference disk is used to create a reference clock track on another disk in the pack. The clock track is then used to write servo onto the disk. Oliver does not disclose reading servo information from the reference surface that is then written onto the other disks. The sequence controller of the servo writer actually generates the servo information written onto the disks (see column 23, lines 22-40). Oliver does not write servo that is read from a reference disk. For this reason, Oliver neither anticipates nor renders obvious the recited claims.

In view of the above it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-26 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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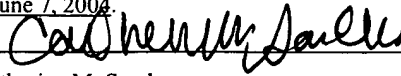
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